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The House met at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

May we remember each morning, O loving God, to be grateful for all Your good gifts to us and to all people and remind us during all the hours of the day to have hearts of thanksgiving. At our best moments we know that the gifts of thanksgiving and gratitude are at the center of our humanity and Holy Scripture commends these virtues as marks of a healthy life. With all the duties that are before us and with all the responsibilities that never quite get done, we pray that we will never forget the practice of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. May we not neglect to begin each day and to commence each responsibility with grateful hearts and sensitive spirits. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) "Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002", and requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. EXON, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SIMON, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces that there will be twenty 1-minutes on each side.

WHITE HOUSE DEMONSTRATION WILL DRAMATIZE NEED FOR ADMINISTRATION SANCTIONS ON CUBA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today at noon the Cuban-American community will hold a rally in front of the White House to protest the immoral policy of the Clinton administration of repatriating freedom-seeking

Cubans who escaped their homeland for liberty in the United States.

Through the accord, the Clinton administration once again has shown its foreign policy ineptitude, and specifically its lack of vision and effectiveness toward the formulation of a clear Cuba policy. Instead of supporting the desires for freedom for the Cuban people, the President has preferred to accept the empty promises from the ruler of a totalitarian state who promotes terrorism, and is about to finish construction of a potentially dangerous and unsafe nuclear powerplant just a few hundred miles from our shores. Yet, we hear only silence from the administration on these illicit acts by the Cuban dictator.

I hope that the President takes a look from the White House at today's demonstration, so he can listen to the voices of those Cubans who were forced to leave their country in search of freedom, and from those who suffered from the oppressive hand of the Cuban dictator. Maybe then the President will realize the diabolical consequences of his failed policy and join us in implementing new sanctions against the Cuban tyrant.

WHAT MASSIVE REPUBLICAN BUDGET CUTS MEAN TO RURAL MISSOURI

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans say "Listen to me, listen to my words, but don't watch what I do." What I am alluding to is a budget, a Republican budget that passed the House and also the one that passed the Senate, with massive cuts in Medicare and Medicaid in order to give tax relief to the wealthy.

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